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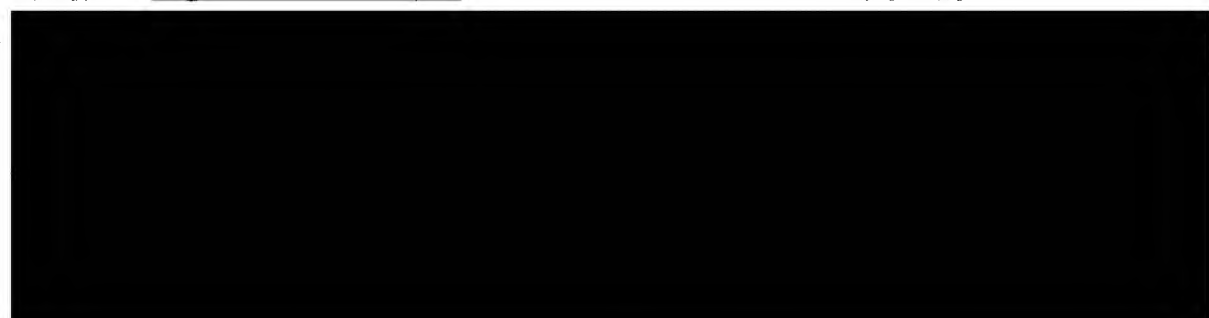
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1. The Tongno-gang (126-04, 40-56) hydroelectric plant* is organized as follows:

Station chief: HAN Sol-pung (韓達鵬)

Assistant chief: unknown

Chief engineer: CH'OE Hae-tong (崔海東)

Technical
DepartmentTransportation
DepartmentAdministrative
DepartmentSupply
Section

Chief: PARK Yong-sam

Chief: HAN Sin-kyong

Chief: unknown

Chief: KIM Sang-to

(朴容三)

(韓辛敬)

(金相道)

Civil engineer section

Automobile section

General affairs section

Supply section

Technical section

Vessels section

Fiscal section

Materials section

Laboratory section

Cable car section

Personnel section

Warehouse section

Services section

Electric
DepartmentCivil Works
DepartmentConstruction
Department

Chief: CHI Chung-kyo

Chief: unknown

Chief: unknown

(池重均)

Power section

Construction section

Repairs section

Supply section

Factory section

Construction section

Electrical section

2. The plant employs 50 office employees, 50 technicians and 1,000 manual laborers. There is little difference between the wages of the chief of the station and the laborers, since the chief gets 1,600 to 1,700 won a month, while the laborers get 1,100 to 1,500 won a month. All employees, including the chief, live in small brick buildings.

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3 The following rations were received by plant employees:

Office workers: 250 grams of rice and 250 grams of other grain each day.

Light laborers: 300 grams of rice and 300 grams of other grain each day.

Heavy laborers: 400 grams of rice and 400 grams of other grain each day.

Dependents: 300 grams of mixed rice and grain each day.

Each employee also receives one suit of work clothes and one suit of underwear each year, a pair of shoes each three months, and a pair of socks each two months. Employees also get three packs of cigarettes a week and an unlimited amount of salt.

4 The project was planned by the Japanese and 30 percent of the construction was complete before the end of World War II. The North Korean government has been able to complete only another 20 percent of the work. Two 30,000 kilowatt generators were installed and a third was about to be installed in late 1950. No damage had been inflicted on the plant as of December 1950, although the area had been bombed by United Nations planes.

5 Six small power stations in North Korea had been knocked out and only the Supong (124-56, 40-26) station was operating in October. A plan to repair sub-stations at Taeyu-dong (125-34, 40-18), Pakchin (125-45, 40-12), and Wonsan was adopted, and work began in November. The project was to be finished in December.

6 About 30 percent of the office workers and 60 percent of the manual laborers at the Tongno-gang plant were members of the Communist Party. Thirty minutes before the start of work each day was spent in newspaper reading and propaganda lectures. Ten laborers organized a small union with the object of promoting production through competition among the workers. The technicians held technical research meetings to promote the study of advanced methods in various electrical engineering fields.

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Encl: 1 plan for Tongno-gang Dam